

A clean version of the entire set of pending claims pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(3) is attached as an Appendix.

Please cancel Claims 1-5, 7-11 and 16.

Please add the following new Claims:

24. (new) A composition comprising an isolated nucleic acid sequence encoding a polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:3.

25. (new) The composition of Claim 24, wherein said nucleic acid sequence is operably linked to a heterologous promoter.

26. (new) The composition of Claim 24, wherein said nucleic acid sequence is contained within a vector.

27. (new) The composition of Claim 24, wherein nucleic acid sequence comprises SEQ ID NO:1 or the complement of SEQ ID NO:1.

#### **REMARKS**

Claims 1-23 were filed in the present case. The claims were subject to a restriction requirement. The Applicants elected Claims 1-5, 7-11 and 16 in a prior response. The Applicants have cancelled Claims 1-5, 7-11 and 16 and added Claims 24-27. As such, Claims 24-27 are currently pending.

Applicants note that all amendments of Claims presented herein are made without acquiescing to any of the Examiner's arguments or rejections, and solely for the purpose of expediting the patent application process in a manner consistent with the PTO's Patent Business